





Four honorable members of the Legislative Council departed for the post of duty yesterday. Two members—Messrs. Walkom and Wood—remain in attendance on the Assize Court, which will probably conclude its labors to-day, when the hon. gentlemen will be at liberty to proceed to New Westminster in an extra steamer, which has been patriotically placed at their disposal by the Hudson Bay Company. The importance of the political crisis in which the country finds itself to-day cannot be over-estimated. The official members are all in their seats. There is no wavering or hanging back in their ranks. Public and private business are laid aside when the Council is called together, and their undivided attention is devoted to legislation. Their presence shows that they understand the importance of the crisis. All the people ask is an equal manifestation of interest on the part of their representatives. There should not be a vacant chair at the Council board at a time when the interests of the colony are in the scale; and not only should members resident within the Colony be urged to their duty, but the seats of absentees should be declared vacant and new elections ordered. The Nanaimo constituency is represented in London by Mr Southgate; but his voice and his vote are both wanted here. His duty was to have resigned long ago and made way for some one else. Untrammelled votes in the Council are too few to spare even one. A single vote may decide the most important issue. In this crisis British Columbia "expects every man to do his duty," and woe betide him who fails to respond to that expectation. "It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea" than that he should fail to fulfil the solemn obligations he assumed when he became a member of the Council.

Mutual Aid or Benefit Building Societies.

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CHAPTER III.

16. The system of a permanent building society, which is most simple, may be explained as follows. The members are separate as we have stated into Investors and Borrowers. The investors pay a certain weekly or monthly subscription for a fixed number of years, calculated at an amount sufficient for the realization of their shares at the end of which term the amount due is paid to them, and they receive from the society as far as such shares are concerned. The investors represent the proprietors of the company. New members can enter at any time and commence their subscriptions without paying up any arrears, or any increase on the original entrance fee. The duration of membership is counted from the very month of a member's first entrance. This causes every month a fresh series of members to be added to the society, or new shares to be issued, so that, taking an example, if the term of membership were three years or 156 weeks, and 100 shares were subscribed at the commencement of the society, and five new shares were taken up at every weekly meeting afterwards, there would be at the end of the first three years 880 shares, which at \$100 each would be \$88,000 of which \$10,000 would then have matured, supposing that it had had been withdrawn an equal number of new ones had been subscribed to keep up the average. The society would still go on, and if the place progressed, as we all hope and trust it will, the society would grow larger and richer every week, each succeeding week new shares would be taken up, and old ones having run their term would drop out.

The Borrowers received, at the time of obtaining an advance, the full amount of their shares without any deduction whatever, beyond a trifling commission as a contribution towards working expenses, and to insure against loss. The loan is secured by a mortgage on the property purchased or built, and the borrowers in return pay during an optional fixed number of years, previously agreed upon, a suitable monthly subscription by which the debt is liquidated with interest. The members who become borrowers at once cease to be investors in respect of the shares on which they obtain advances, and do not participate in any of the subsequent liabilities or expenses of the society, nor consequently in its profits, which in fact they anticipate by obtaining their loans at a moderate and definite rate. The general liabilities are provided for by taking, as the basis of the calculations, a higher rate of interest for the repayments, than is actually guaranteed to the Investors for the realization of their shares; that is to say, if the amount of each share held by an Investor, which is promised him at the end of the term, be equivalent to the accumulation of his subscription at 1½ or 2 per cent monthly compound interest, the Borrowers would nevertheless be charged 2 or 2½ per cent.

The difference of one half per cent in the rate of interest obtained is temporarily withheld from the Investors in order to form a management and contingency fund, for the purpose of meeting the expenses and contingencies of loss on mortgage. The customary commission, which is deducted from the loan, is proportionate to the number of years of its duration and varies in amount with the local circumstances of the place in which the society is conducted. It is regulated by a table when the advances are made by rotation or the ballot; but in the case of the bidding system it is replaced by the premium bid for a share.

A Borrower must have been an Investor, but immediately after he borrows he passes over from one side to the other, receiving then whatever amount is due to him on his investments, as arising from his past subscriptions,

with interest thereon from the date of his first joining up to the time of his obtaining the advance.

The number and amount of repayments are fixed, whatever may be the subsequent condition of the society, as it is not reasonable that when they have given good and sufficient security for the loan, that they should be expected to share in the responsibility of future investments.

17. As regards those who remain Investors the system of periodically dividing a Bonus from the profits is adopted, which has been found so productive of safety and success to Mutual Life Assurance Companies.

Instead of forestalling the society's profits by reducing the monthly subscriptions of the Investors to such a degree as barely to leave them sufficient, even theoretically speaking, to produce by accumulation the amount of their shares, the safer plan already alluded to is adopted, of keeping the subscriptions sufficiently high to be theoretically and practically adequate for the purposes. Any surplus profits which may arise beyond the amount of the unadvanced shares, are periodically and proportionately divided among the Investors in the shape of a Profit Bonus, to be paid to them with other sums due on the completion of the subscription upon each share. The Bonus system thus possesses very great advantages, inasmuch as it preserves to a society, the possession of a reserve fund over which it has full power, and whence any unexpected losses may be met.

18. The Borrowers of course are not entitled to participate in this surplus Bonus, as they have secured the equivalent by the manner in which they obtained their advances. The Borrowers secure the enjoyment of an immediate profit while that of the Investor is only prospective. The money is hard to purchase or build with, in a new colony, is at least as much advantage to the Borrower as the future realization of his shares can be to the subscriber.

19. In permanent institutions if the country is a growing one and constant improvements are going on, there can be no lack of Borrowers, and the society will always have more of this class than the other; but as the society is permanent those who have to wait for their loans will still have the full term from the date of the loan, to repay it in—that is the same term, whether they borrow when the society has been in existence a year or when it has been in existence a week.

20. Again, since new members may come in any time without paying up any arrears, the society will, if properly managed, continually receive fresh accessions of strength from new subscribers, and then generally possess at each meeting funds sufficiently large to be capable of being invested without delay. The two main objects of numerous borrowers, and increasing number of members, naturally tend to insure the probability of that continuous realization of interest on which the prosperity of the society depends.

21. In regard to the higher rate of interest habitually charged to the Borrowers by societies which are cautiously managed, it should be remembered that the difference forms the margin necessary to meet the contingencies arising not from Investors but from Borrowers alone. It is through the loans that losses arise and it is but right, therefore, that the Borrowers should contribute a small extra per centage to protect the Investors from loss. It is only by charging a higher rate of interest to Borrowers than is promised to the Investors, that the annual receipts can be made large enough to meet the engagements to subscribers after covering the losses from inadequate or depreciated securities and other causes.

22. With regard to initial expenses, these can be charged as a debt against the society, not to be wiped off entirely by the first subscribers, but partially defrayed annually by instalments so as to be borne equally by present and future members.

23. In the societies we describe any Borrower who may desire it, can, under certain practical restrictions, be permitted to redeem his mortgage on much more equitable terms than under any other system. In the Terminating Societies if a Borrower (or his family in case of his death) before the term of the mortgage expires makes application to pay off the remainder of the debt, a large and of an uncertain sum is wasted. Such societies cannot accept the theoretical equivalent for the debt, because they have through the short period the society has run no longer any opportunity of relieving the money. Under such circumstances Borrowers have not only to pay the principal of the debt but they have to recompense the society for the loss of interest. In a permanent institution on the contrary as opportunities for investment abound, and are as frequent in the second and third years as in the first, the society can always accept fair and reasonable terms for redemption. An old loan being paid off they can encourage the entrance of new members by holding out the prospect of early advances.

24. On the other hand the withdrawal of shares by Investing Members is facilitated. Should a society have lent out all its funds, the returning instalments and interest as well as the subscriptions of a continual accession of new members enable them to repay any one who wishes to withdraw, without incurring any loss. As has often been the case in ill-managed societies.

25. The system described in the foregoing pages, will perhaps be more easily understood by a few examples taken from the rules of existing societies, and presupposing a prospectus adapted to the circumstances of the colony.

The rules of Investing Members may be \$100 each and the term three years, for which the subscription will be two dollars a month, or what would perhaps be better, half a dollar per week. Investing Members to be allowed to withdraw from the society without fine, during the first six months, after that period to receive their subscription and simple interest.

Instructors after the first year also to be allowed, if they desire it, to cease their future payments and leave their past subscriptions as a deposit producing compound interest to be received back in one accumulated sum at the end of the term.

Parties intending to borrow must previously become members, and at the time of borrowing they will be repaid their past subscriptions on their shares with interest, and then receive as a loan the full amount of any share they may require without any deduction beyond a commission of two per cent which will be carried to the credit of a management and contingency fund. Loans to the extent of \$3000 to be made to members on the security of real or leasehold estate, or land in any part of Vancouver Island for three years.

Example of a member borrowing \$1000 for three years.

The weekly repayment would be \$5 and \$5 75 for interest, making \$10 75 in all to cover principal and interest.

The interest paid to the subscribers is calculated monthly, while that of the borrower being calculated weekly gives a slight augmentation of the receipts in favor of the society, which tends to increase the safety of its basis.

The surplus profits (over and above the promised amount of the unadvanced shares) to be ascertained yearly by an accountant, and be apportioned two-thirds to the credit of the Investors, to be paid to them as a bonus either at once or with interest at the

end of their term of membership, and the other third to be carried to the credit of a personal guarantee fund, to meet extraordinary losses should such ever occur. This proportion of the profits may be reconsidered at the end of the third year of the Society's existence.

Should there be more applicants for advances than can be supplied at once priority to be settled by ballot (or rotation).

The receipts arising from entrance fees, fines, commissions, &c. to be carried to the credit of management fund, out of which the expenses will be paid.

26. As a further example of the working of such a Society, supposing a person enters the Society and takes up twelve shares, on which he pays \$6 per week besides \$12 entrance fee. At the end of a year he obtains a loan and purchases a house of the value of \$1600, and worth \$35 a month rent. He receives from the Society the subscription he has paid on his shares, amounting with interest to \$340 70, and ceases to be an Investor; and he also receives \$1200, which is paid him in full, except \$24 deducted for commission, and which he undertakes to repay by instalments spread over three years: The cost of house, etc., ..... \$1600  
Past subscriptions and interest \$340 70  
Loan, net, ..... 1171 00  
\$1516 70

Amount to be provided from his own resources, ..... 83 30  
If he effect this loan, his repayments for principal and interest will be: 156 weekly instalments for principal at \$6 ..... 936 00  
156 weekly payments for interest at \$7 ..... 1092 00  
\$2028 00  
Less cash actually received on loan, 1176 00  
\$ 852 00

Annual repayments to Society, 676  
Less yearly value of house, ..... 420  
Expense ..... \$256  
Multiply by years, 156 ..... 738 16  
\$ 84 00

Add previous amount paid to Society  
Subscriptions, ..... 312 00  
Entrance fee ..... 12 00  
Extra amount found to complete purchase, ..... 83 30 407 30

Total amount of difference between purchasing a house, value \$1600, and paying "three years" rent at \$35 a month, without buying, \$491 30

For this sum the subscriber for twelve shares has secured free of rent for the use of his family, the house, if free-held, for ever; and his payments have never been more than six dollars per week more than they would have been had he not subscribed, and after he purchased the house little more than four.

27. In taking this illustration there has been no attempt to make out a glowing case for the Borrower. Indeed, a subscriber borrowing after the first twelve months had expired, would be entitled to compound interest instead of simple interest, and to his bonus or share of the first year's profits, which would considerably swell the sum he had to draw before borrowing and leave nothing hardly for him to provide to complete the purchase. Again, \$7 per week is slightly more than 2½ per cent per month on \$1200, and at the end of each quarter or year the borrower would be entitled to have this amount adjusted. These items would lessen the cost of the house, but we leave these as we have made no reserves for repairs, taxation or insurance.

On the other hand the payments are so calculated that the Investors, unless unlooked for losses were incurred, would make a very large annual Bonus beyond the accumulated value of their subscriptions at two per cent compound interest. What that Bonus would be would depend on the prudence and integrity of the managers, and the progress of the country as well as the society; but it would depend enough on the latter to make it worth the while of each non-borrowing member to exert his individual efforts to promote it.

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NOTICE. THE UNDERSIGNED REQUESTS that all parties having claims against him will present the same on or before Saturday, the 28th inst.; and he also gives notice that he will not be responsible for any debts incurred by any member of a Company. G. ORRICK BARTHOLOMEW, Proprietor Great Western Circus. Victoria, March 24th. m24 1/2

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Queen Charlotte Coal Mining Company (Limited). NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an extraordinary General Meeting of the above named Company will be held in the Council Chamber, corner of Broad and Front streets, in the city of Victoria, on the 29th day of April next, at 1 o'clock p.m., to confirm the Special Resolution passed on the 16th inst. to increase the Capital of the Company. H. GASTON, Secretary. m20 1/2

Theatre Royal. Under the Patronage of Captain Nares and Officers of H.M.S. Reindeer. Friday Evening, March 27, COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT TO MR M. W. ANDERSON, MRS JENNY ARNOT FOWLES, MISS LIZZIE YEOMAN, MR CHARLES CLARKE, SEVERAL AMATEURS OF VICTORIA, The Amateur Dramatic Company of H.M.S. Reindeer, AND THE MARSH FAMILY, Have kindly volunteered their services. To commence with the Great Sensation Drama, adapted for the Stage by T. M. Taylor, from Miss Bradburn's Novel of the same name, entitled, HENRY DUNBAR; or, THE OUTCASTS. FOLLOWED BY A MUSICAL INTERLUDE. The Amateur Dramatic Company of H.M.S. Reindeer will make their first appearance in the screaming Farce of "POOR FILLICODDY!" Reserved seats, \$1 25; Unreserved, \$1; 1st, 50 cents. Box Office will be open on Thursday and Friday, from 12 to 3 p.m., when seats can be secured. Doors open at 7. Overture at 7.30 precisely. m23

Municipal Notice. Excerpt from Municipal By-Law, 1868. 3. There shall be levied on all persons carrying on any trade or business by Wholesale an Annual Rate of \$20. 4. There shall be levied on all persons carrying on any retail trade, business or calling an Annual Rate of \$5. 17. The moneys to be collected in respect of the Rates or Taxes levied under Sections 3 and 4 of this By-Law shall be deemed to be due on the first day of March, and shall be payable half-yearly in advance on the first Monday in March and on the first Monday in September in every year, and in the event of any such payment being in arrear for the space of thirty days after it shall be due the person or persons failing to pay shall be liable to a Penalty not exceeding Fifty Dollars. 22. Every person keeping a Horse or Horses within the city limits for private use who shall fail to pay to the Clerk of the Municipal Council yearly in advance as aforesaid the sum of Two Dollars and Fifty Cents for each and every Horse kept by him, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding the sum of \$25 for each and every Horse so kept by him. 23. The owner of any Dog allowed to run at large failing to pay to the Clerk of the Municipal Council yearly in advance as aforesaid the sum of Two Dollars for each and every Dog so owned by him, or permitting such Dog to run at large without the collar and tag or mark, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Ten Dollars. By order, J. A. MOORE, Town Clerk. WM. LEIGH, Town Clerk.

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By Electric Telegraph
SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.
LAST NIGHT'S DESPATCHES.

Eastern States.
CHICAGO, March 20.—General Grant, by order of the President, has detailed General Halleck to the command of the fifth military district.
NEW YORK, March 20.—The most terrific storm known here for years commenced here last night and still continues this morning. A heavy Northeast gale prevails accompanied by snow which is badly drifted.
NEW YORK, March 21.—The storm continues unabated to-night, and travel is much impeded; considerable damage has been done by the gale.

PHILADELPHIA, March 21.—The storm has raged for 24 hours, snow drifts are 15 feet deep in some places and the railroads are blocked.

Europe.
LONDON, March 20.—Advices from Annesley Bay state that General Napier's forces were twenty miles South of Antala on the 25th, and had a satisfactory talk with the Chief of the Nigre tribe.

LONDON, March 20.—In the House of Commons to-day Gladstone announced that on Monday he would offer a motion that the House go into a Committee of the whole on the Irish Church establishment. He said if it was agreeable to the House he would present the question.

In the course of the evening Mr Forrester, member for Bradford, alluded to the state of the law in regard to the allegiance of British subjects, saying that the matter especially demanded attention in the bearing it had on the relations of this country to the United States. He thought the time ripe for arriving at definite understanding; he explained the law on the right of expatriation. He showed that at the present time two millions of the Queen's subjects are living in the United States as American citizens in practical violation of the law. It was the difference which arose between England and America, in regard to the rights of adopted citizens which caused the war of 1812; now it was the difference which still exists which was counted on by the Fenians as likely to again embroil the two nations and thus further their treasonable designs. He urged that Great Britain abandon her claim to life allegiance in the case of migrants to foreign countries, and advised the appointment of a mixed commission to settle the question forever.

Sir Robert Collier supported the views of Mr Forrester.

Lord Stanley addressed the House and in speaking of the principles of which the laws were formed, admitted that the dogma of natural allegiance was now obsolete. He informed the House that the Government had already made advances in the settlement of the question at hand, and declared that they were willing to meet the Government of the United States half way. There were many difficulties in the way of adjustment, but he was happy to say they were not regarded as insuperable. He stated that the Foreign Office was now in communication with Mr Seward on the subject and concluded by approving the proposition of the member from Bradford.

Sir Roundell Palmer hoped that expatriated subjects from Great Britain would not be suffered to make war on their parent country.

Canada.
OTTAWA, March 21.—There is a bill in the course of preparation by the Government to enable Americans to take out patents in Canada on the same terms as Canadians do in America.

Japan.
LONDON, March 20.—Midnight.—The latest advices from Shanghai state that the war in Japan has resulted in the defeat of the Teicon, who after a disastrous battle with the combined forces of the Damios, fled to Yeddo. The Government of the Mikado had addressed a note to the foreign ministers in Japan, in which it pledges itself to a faithful observance of the treaties.

California.
SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—Arrived Mar. 20.—Barkentine Grace Roberts, from Port Orehead.
CLEARED March 21.—Ship El Dorado, Victoria.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—Legal Tenders 71 1/2 @ 1 1/4.
Flour.—Beyond usual jobbing trade there is nothing to report. No quotations for several days. Wheat nominal; we doubt whether sales could be effected above \$2 60, at which figure a choice lot of Santa Clara was sold. Barley, \$1 90 @ 2 05. Oats, \$2 20 @ 2 35.
CLEARED, March 23.—Live Yankee, Portland. Sailed, March 22.—Bark Adelaide, Port Ludlow. bark Gem of the Ocean, Port Gamble.

DELAYED DISPATCHES.

West Indies.
HAYANA, Mar 18.—Jamaica dates to the 1st inst. state that the Government has appropriated six thousand pounds yearly for the education of negroes.

Qua. antio is enforced against vessels from St. Thomas, Porto Rico and Santa Cruz. Vessels are in demand.
Mr Franklin, agent of the International Telegraph, had applied for permission to land a cable to Cuba, with Jamaica and Aspinwall; also, to put a line across Jamaica and Hayti.

Advices are that President Salva and his army were surprised 60 leagues from Cape Haytien and defeated. He was pursued by armed peasantry in overwhelming force and sustained great loss.

The French Admiral has demanded the payment of Haytian arrears to France for three years past. In case of an unsatisfactory reply he will seize the Customhouse and collect payment himself.

NEW YORK, Mar 19.—The Herald's special says: Information is received from the American naval station at Callao, stating that a hostile expedition is preparing to descend on Cuba. The authorities appear to know of the affair.

Mexico.
The Herald's special says that the British steamer Danube, when leaving Vera Cruz was ordered to stop, having smuggled specie on board, but she escaped before the guns of the fort could be trained on her. A British corvette anchored between the fort and the Danube.
The Yucatan expedition is returning to Vera Cruz.

NEW YORK, Mar 12.—The Herald's Vera Cruz special says Gen. Alampio fears a new revolution in Yucatan. Objection having been made to Governor Capado personally, the national Government persuaded him to resign. He is coming to Vera Cruz on his way to the Capital.

Eastern States.
A number of former army officers, living in Tennessee, both Radical and Conservative have denounced the statements lately telegraphed that a conspiracy exists to overthrow the State Government by armed force. Governor Brown telegraphed Grant, that such a conspiracy does exist, but says he will be able to defeat it without the aid of the United States forces. The officers who signed the card mentioned above very positively deny any existing danger.

Europe.
LONDON, Mar 11.—Gen. Dix has arrived here and it is understood he will remain for some weeks. It is said he comes on business connected with the Alabama claims.

Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery.

[Before His Lordship Chief Justice Needham.]

TUESDAY, March 24.
The Court met at 10 o'clock.

The case of Regina vs. Dwyer and that of Regina vs. Wood were called on. Mr. Walkem appeared to prosecute and Mr. Wood to defend.

The prisoners were indicted for aiding and abetting the escape of Maurice Carey, a convict, from the Victoria Jail. They pleaded not guilty.

The trial lasted all day. Considerable evidence was heard, and after able addresses from counsel His Lordship returned up lay-out, and after an absence of one and a half hours returned a verdict of 'Guilty' against both of the accused. Sentence was deferred, and the Court rose until 10 o'clock this morning.

THE CIRCUS.—Bartholomew's Great Western Circus will re-open this evening at the corner of Johnson and Broad streets. All the attractions which drew such crowded houses in the full, together with many new ones, will be introduced. Miss Matild, the handsome young equestrienne, Mr. Franklin, the daring bare-back rider, Ned Ward, the versatile performer, Mr. Graham, the Shakespearean clown, Gen. Silas, the wonderful dwarf, and Mr. Bartholomew himself, with his trained ponies, will severally grace the ring to-night. Go and see the fun.

A SAN FRANCISCO despatch says:—St. Patrick's day has been celebrated in splendid style. The military display was very extensive, and the various costumes of the Irish regiments presented a very marked appearance. The various benevolent and civic societies turned out in full force. The various Peoian circles, with their badges, occupied a long line in the procession, and the Manchester Avengers were a band of resolute looking men, and presented an appearance that gave significance to their name.

THE Anti-Slavery Standard, the Independent and the Revolution came out in New York simultaneously with insinuations that General Grant had been 'seen drunk' in Washington. The Revolution gives it as the talk that 'General Grant is drunk half the time'; the Independent insinuates that occasionally 'a Presidential candidate is seen drunk in the street'; and the Anti-Slavery Standard says it has 'rumors' to the same effect.

BANQUET OF THE FRENCH BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.—About 60 gentlemen sat down to a sumptuous repast prepared in the style that has made the Colonial Hotel famous. S. Driard, Esq., occupied the President's chair, and Messrs Oahn and Rueff filled the vice chairs. At the conclusion of the dinner, and after the usual appropriate toasts, Mons. Cahn proposed the 'Sister Societies of Victoria' in a well turned speech, which was ably responded to by Messrs J. G. Shepherd for the St. Andrew's Society; J. K. Suter, for the Caledonian Benevolent Association; J. L. Jangermann for the Sing Verein, and H. E. Heisterman for the Turn Verein. Mons. Bacion in a neat speech proposed 'The Press,' which was replied to by Mr Suter. Mr Rueff gave the 'Amateur Dramatic Club,' and ably demonstrated their great value in Victoria. The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm. Other toasts followed, eliciting some excellent speeches. Songs then succeeded, in which Messrs. Honore and Felix displayed marked ability. The whole affair was characterised by the herent good taste so observable in the sons of 'La Belle France.' The utmost harmony prevailed throughout the evening. It is very gratifying to learn that the society is well supported and prepared to continue its good work with renewed vigor.

MURDER.—A man named J Cowan—familiarily known as Nwika Jim—was found dead in the bush near his house, on Walldon Island, on Saturday the 21st inst. A post mortem examination by the surgeon stationed at Camp Seely, San Juan, developed the fact that he had been foully murdered, having been shot by a rifle in the back and afterwards slung with his head. The shot passed through the spinal column, lodged in the brain, evidently producing immediate death; but the murderer, not satisfied, gave him a severe blow on the right side of the head, fracturing the skull, and dragging him some distance hid the body in the brush, covering it with some bushes. The man was apparently on his return from work in the evening, and the murderer was probably concealed in the wood near the trail, watching his opportunity. Cowan had not been seen for ten days previously. His faithful dog had remained by the body, and through it the body was found. A detachment of U S troops from San Juan Island were sent to the scene of the murder by the commander of the garrison in the steamer Diana, but no clue to the murderer was obtained.

THE WRECKERS.—The Fanny lies in much the same state as on Monday. The Rosalia has been beaten into fragments. To-day wreckers will proceed to the scene of disaster to save what they can from the ruin. Two fine photographic views of the Fanny were taken yesterday by Mrs R. Maynard, of this city. The ship is represented as lying on her beam-ends, with the wreckers engaged in saving the rigging. The views are faithful representations of the melancholy scene.

SALE OF THE WRECKERS AND CARGOES.—Mr Backus yesterday sold the ship Fanny and bark Rosalia, as they lie stranded on the beach at Discovery Island. The Fanny was knocked down for \$1100 to R. Brodrick, and the cargo (1330 tons coal) to Lowe Bros. The Rosalia, with cargo and all her appointments, was sold to R. Brodrick for \$430.

It is believed the object of the sudden departure of the Constantine for San Francisco is to enable Prince Matseff, the late Russian Governor of Alaska, to reach that territory in time to foreclose the mortgage which the Russian Government holds upon it, and which will expire on the 20th April.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—Last evening George Wilson, a drayman, while attempting to stop his horse, which was running away, was thrown beneath the wheels of the dray and badly crushed. He was conveyed to his home on Johnson street. His injuries are very serious.

DANCING CLASSES.—Mrs. Digby Palmer will open a dancing class for the instruction of juveniles at Mrs Wilson Brown's school on the first week in April. The class will meet every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon at half-past three o'clock.

FOR SIKKA.—The schooner Louisa Downs cleared from this place yesterday for Port

fourteen who are going up to try their luck at mining in the Alaska Territory.
The steamship Constantine sailed at 10 1/2 o'clock yesterday morning for San Francisco. She carried a mail and express, and is expected to return to this port about the 3d April.

BENEFIT OF MR. M. W. ANDERSON.—Readers, don't forget the benefit tendered this deserving amateur actor for Friday evening. Sea may be secured to-morrow and on the day of performance at the box office.

THE Enterprise, with Hrs. Helmsken, Samp. Macdonald and Pemberton, and about 30 other passengers, sailed yesterday morning for New Westminster.

DI-MISSED.—The charge of incendiarism against Clew was yesterday dismissed, there being no new evidence elicited to justify a longer detention.

THE wires worked to New Westminster last evening, but from some unexplained cause we got no report. It is presumed that the Council sat late.

THE Eliza Anderson came in from Puget Sound yesterday morning with passengers and cattle.

THE bark Nestor sailed from San Francisco March 19th for Nainaimo.

A SURE remedy for CHILLS AND FEVER. Ayer's Ague Cure never fails.

If you wish the very best CABINET PHOTOGRAPHS, you must call on BRADLEY & ROLPHSON, 429 Montgomery street, San Francisco.

FRED PAYNE has removed his Cheap Shaving Shop to the opposite side of Johnson street, just above the Miner's Saloon.

MAXIMILIAN'S PROPERTY.—The settlement of the estate of Maximilian is giving trouble to his executors. His chateaux of Miramar and Lacorne are estimated at about \$1500,000, but instead of yielding any profit they cost \$30,000 to keep them up, besides being mortgaged for \$400,000. There is some difficulty about his debt at Trieste, which amounts to more than \$1,000,000. The Belgian executors, in the interests of their sisters, wish these debts to be paid by Austria, or the ground that they were contracted in the public service. This is contested by the Austrian imperial family. The unfortunate Princess, it is said, would willingly pay her husband's debts from her private purse if she was in a state to authorize such a measure; but as it is, it is probable that the valuable collection of works of art and of Egyptian and Mexican curiosities will be sold in order to settle the estate. The Princess Charlotte's condition does not improve, and may in fact be considered as hopeless.

A man who had filed a petition for divorce was informed by his council that his wife had filed a 'cross petition,' as lawyers call it. 'A cross petition!' exclaimed the husband, 'that's just like her. She never did a good natured thing in her life.'

New Advertisements.

WEEKLY
BRITISH COLONIST,
NOW READY,
AND FOR SALE AT THE BOOK STORES
Lytton Hotel
LYTTON, B.C.

THE PUBLIC ARE RESPECTFULLY informed that the above-named paper is now open for subscription and sale at a low rate. It contains a full and complete list of the names of the subscribers, and is supplied with a choice assortment of Wine and Liquors. W. McVHA & CO., Proprietors. m17 2nd dw

\$1000 REWARD.

WHEREAS THERE IS REASON TO believe that the premises situated on Government street, lately occupied by Daniel Choi, were maliciously set on fire a Reward of One Thousand Dollars is hereby offered by the undersigned for the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons concerned in the outrage. SPROAT & CO., Agents for the Royal Insurance Co. Store street, Victoria, 13th March 1868. m14

CEMENT.

THE ADVERTISER IS DESIROUS of meeting with an individual, or individuals, to cooperate with him in work of a Cement ledge or superior quality on the Columbia river, and within a short distance of the sea. The ledge is on land, on which the advertiser holds property, and is a simple water-power and the necessary site for kilns and other buildings is already cleared. Specimens of the rock can be seen at the office of this Journal, and full particulars on applying to J. L. Mackay, Astoria, Oregon. m21

MATZOTH

To the Israelites of British Columbia and Puget Sound.

NOTICE

THE PASSOVER BREAD WILL BE made under the superintendence of Messrs. JACOB and ANTHONY, of Yat street, m14

For the Store street Cracker Bakery.

All orders attended to. m15 1m

STRENGTHENING AND DELICIOUS

The Best Tonic Known!

SAINSEVAIN WINE BITTERS

IMPORTANT TO DEALERS AND CONSUMERS OF THE SAINSEVAIN WINE BITTERS!

In ordering WIN "BITTERS," be sure you ask for the SAINSEVAIN WINE BITTERS, manufactured by MARECAO & SEULY, SAN FRANCISCO, for inferior kinds are often substituted. Observe the YELLOW LABEL, and see that the name of MARECAO & SEULY is on the WRAPPER, LABEL and STAMP.

This most DELICIOUS WINE can be had from the principal Wine Merchants and Liquor Dealers throughout the State. m18 3m2m

Reduction of Freight

From Soda Creek to Quasnelmouth

FREIGHT

During the ensuing season, WILL BE CARRIED ON THE

Steamer Enterprise

AT 1 1/2 CENTS PER POUND.

The vessel will not be responsible for leakage or cost of oil or any liquid shipped in tin. Victoria, March 19, 1868. m20 1m

Musical Instruments

AND Fancy Goods

Ex "BYZANTINE."

LADIES' MOROCCO BAGS, FURNISHED TOURIST'S CASES

AND WRITING DESKS.

Stereoscopes & Stereoscopic Views, PORTMONNAIES & WALLETES

Concertinas, Guitars, Flutes, Pipes, Cornets, French Accordions and Violins.

With their component parts detached. A. Pages, Tail Piece, Strings and Bow, And Rosin to make the Fiddle go, And the long pieces down the middle, To put the floggers on and fiddle. m10

T. N. HIBBEN & Co.

Auction Sales.

TRADE SALE OF LIQUORS.

Annual Spring Sale.

P. M. BACKUS

has been instructed by Messrs SPROAT & Co. IMPORTERS,

To sell, in about three weeks from this date, A FINE ASSORTMENT OF LIQUORS,

Consisting of Hennessy, Martell, Jules Robin and Fribot Fils & Co. Brandies in bulk and case

Also, Jamaica Rum and Scotch Whiskey, in pips and q-rcks

Swaine, Boord & Co's Old Tom Port and Sherry Wine, in bulk and case

Champagne and Claret Bass' and Allisopp's Ale and Byas' Porter, in cask and case

Full particulars as to quantities and terms of sale a few days before the sale m14

SCHOOL OPENING.

Mrs. HILLS REGS TO ANNOUNCE to parents and guardians in Victoria and vicinity that she will open a

DAY SCHOOL

On MONDAY, March 16, IN THE BRICK BUILDING, Corner of Douglas and View streets, FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF BOYS AND GIRLS

In the following branches, viz: Spelling and Reading, Grammar, Composition, English Literature, History, Geography, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Writing, Book-keeping, Drawing, Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, Chemical Physics, Animal and Vegetable Physiology, Astronomy.

Miss Mills holds a Provincial Certificate from the Upper Canada Normal School, and also Certificates of having been a competent and successful school teacher from three boards of school trustees, and two local schools superintendents in Canada, besides testimonials of good moral character from clergymen and others.

The given branches will be taught according to modern and improved methods; particular attention will be paid to Mathematics and Book-keeping.

Terms per Month in Advance. For children over seven years.....\$3 00 For children under seven years..... 2 50

N. B. No additional rates will be demanded as the pupils advance in the different branches enumerated. Victoria, March 20, 1868. m21 1m2m

C. F. BARNARD, M. D.

Mechanical & Surgical Dentist.

OFFICE:—Douglas street, first house on the right South of Fort street.

STAFFORD & HICKIN

[Late Hutchinson & Co.]

Brg to Inform the Public that they have

REMOVED

The business of the Leadenhall Market — TO THE —

QUEEN'S MARKET

Opposite Corner, Government and

and respectfully solicit a continuance of the patronage so liberally bestowed upon them heretofore. m19

LD. LOWENBERG.

REAL ESTATE AGENT

Government street, near corner of Broughton

WILL PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION to selling, purchasing and leasing property; negotiating loans and transacting everything connected with Real Estate business.

Maps of all the different Districts on the Island may be seen at his office. Parties desirous of purchasing home lots, or making investments, will find on his Bulletin board a full and complete list of every street, far as the Government Land in every District. Some of which afford a rare chance for investment.

Money on bond and mortgage, in sums to suit the demands. Conveyances of every description done at reasonable rates. m14 1m

JULIUS SEITZ, FURRIER.

JOHNSON STREET, CLOSE TO WHARF, VICTORIA, B.C.

Will Pay the Highest Price for all kinds of Furs in season.

TRADERS and TRAPPERS receiving Furs will find it to their advantage to give the above a call before disposing of them elsewhere. m12 1m

THOS RUSSELL,

(LATE HICKS & RUSSELL.)

Grocer & Provision Dealer,

GOVERNMENT STREET, (Adjoining the Custom House.)

Orders from Navy Messes and Contracts faithfully fulfilled.

Goods sent to any part of the city free of cost for carriage. m11

Auction Sales.

J. P. Davies & Co

AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS, Salesroom Fireproof Stone Building, Wharf Street near Yates.

Cash advances made on Consignments.

FRIDAY.

J. P. DAVIES & Co.

Will sell, by Auction, AT SALESROOM

Wharf street,

Friday, March 27,

AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.,

Household Furniture,

By order of the Mortgagee,

Chairs, Tables, Beds, Bedsteads Bedding, Carpets, Looking Glasses

Glassware, Book Case, Books Garden Tools, &c., &c., &c.

Broken Furniture

AT TWELVE O'CLOCK, NOON,

Real Estate

ALL these pieces or parcels of Land situate in the Township of Victoria, in the Spring Island, and known on the Official Map as Range 11, East Section 3, and Range 111, East Section 3, containing in all about 200 Acres more or less; together with the Improvements thereon consisting of fencing and Log House. There is a good road to the steamboat landing, which is in the immediate neighborhood.

N. B.—The Government has a claim of one dollar per acre, payable as soon as surveyed. Acts of sale at buyers' expense.

ALSO, all that piece of Land, situate in the Township of Victoria, B. C., and known on the Official Map as Town Lot No 51, in Victoria West, having a frontage of 60 feet by a depth of 120 feet, situated at the corner of Russell and Lime streets. m25

Henry Nathan, Jr. & Co.

OFFER FOR SALE,

EX "MARMORA," FROM LONDON,

Ex "Orient," from San Francisco,

AND OTHER LATE ARRIVALS,

CLOTHING.

Baltic, Regatta and Serge Shirts

Boys' Suits

Inverness Capes, Boys' and Men's Black Pants; Doe, Beaver and Tweed Pants

Waistcoats, assorted, &c., &c.

DRY GOODS.

Plaids, Coburgs, Linseys, Lustres

Checks

Thread, Parasols, Mantles, Damask, &c

Seine and Sturgeon Twine

Barbour's Shoe Thread, Bleached and Unbleached

Fish Lines and Hooks

Bagging, Chamis Skins

Lead, Dry Paints, Lamp Black

White and other Twine

Buggy robes, &c., &c.

GROCERIES.

U.S. Tea, Isthmus Butter, Lard

Coffee, Sugars (Refined and Brown)

Yeast Powders, Candles, Beans

Syrup, Currants, Figs, Raisins

Sultanas, Pragniol Oil

Vinegar, best Matt

Sardines, Field's Oysters, and other Case Goods, a full assortment

Pie Fruits, Pickles, Sauces

Dried and Preserved Fruits and Vegetables, Paper, &c., &c.

Devoc's Coal Oil

ALSO

Hennessy and Martell Brandy, in case

Martell, Otard Dupuy, Jules Robin and Sazerac Brandy, in q-rcks

OLD TOM—Swaine, Boord & Co., case and bulk

GIN—Red and Green Case and in bulk, J. D. K. Z.

RUN—B st Jamaica, 33 per cent o.p. PORT—Hunt's 4 Diamond, bulk and case

SHERRY—Duff Gordon's Orange Bitters, Liqueurs

Cherry Cordial, Madeira, &c., &c.

HENRY NATHAN, Jr. &



